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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for week ending 13th December 1919.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the food situation for the week ending 13th December 1919.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report 40 carts of ragi, 31 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 32 carts of ragi, 12 carts of paddy and 154 bags of rice in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 75 to Rs. 88 per cart during the week against Rs. 70 to Rs. 88 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of ragi and rice in the bazaar.

The four Test Depots are selling Burma rice and ragi to the public as before.

Mysore City.—There is nothing to report.

Bangalore District.—There has been no rain during the week and harvesting work is going on without disturbance.

The price of ragi is steady at 7 to 9 seers a rupee and local rice is selling at 3½ to 5 seers. Burma rice is being sold in the local markets at 5¼ seers a rupee and there is no demand for it in the Government Depots.

The markets are well supplied.

Mysore District.—There is no change in the situation which is good.

It is reported from Malvalli that the whole of the ragi crop has been harvested. Harvesting operations are proceeding in the other taluks. There was some slight rain in Chamrajnagar which was not welcome, but, the damage done is not much.

Tumkur District.—The situation continues to be quite good as in the previous week and prices of food grains are declining.

Kolar District.—The price of rice and ragi in the market is steady. The sales of rice in Government Depots are said to be dull.

Hassan District.—The *santes* were fairly well supplied with rice and ragi. Stock of ragi available in Government Depots is being sold to the public. Demand for Burma rice is falling off.

Standing crops such as paddy, ragi, tuvar, avare, sugar-cane and horse gram are in a good condition. Paddy and ragi are being reaped.

Prices of ragi and rice are going down, but the price of horse gram is rising again.

The prospects of the season are good and the general situation is hopeful.

Shimoga District.—There was no rain during the week. Harvesting of paddy is going on in almost all the taluks, except Honnali and Channagiri. In some parts there was a noticeable tendency for prices to go up.

Kadur District.—There was no rainfall during the week under report in any of the taluks of the district. Paddy is being harvested in all the taluks and sub-taluks, ragi in Chikmagalur, Kadur, Tarikere and Mudgere, jola in Kadur and Tarikere and navane in Chikmagalur and Kadur. As local rice was available more freely during the week than during the previous one at the same rates as Burma rice the demand for the latter is reported to be slackening.

The price of rice has gone down in Chikmagalur, Tarikere, Mudgere and Narasimharajapura and that of ragi in Kadur and Tarikere. The supply of food stuffs was quite ample in all the markets especially in the weekly shandy at Chikmagalur and Tarikere which are the chief markets in this District.

The prospects continue to be favourable.

Chitaldrug District.—There was no rainfall during the week. Harvesting is still continuing. Markets are receiving adequate supply of food grains but the prices remain stationary as in last week.

General (By Food Controller).—There was practically no rain in any of the districts. The harvesting of ragi is going on. The markets are well supplied. In the Bangalore City the price of paddy went down to Rs. 34 per cart-load, but has again gone up slightly being Rs. 40 per cart load at the close of the week. Mysore paddy has begun to come in the Bangalore market and this has had the effect of keeping down the price of paddy here. The price of old ragi has been almost steady ranging between Rt. 75 and Rs. 85 per cart load. New ragi is coming in very small quantities and selling at prices varying from Rs. 65 to Rs. 75. There is every hope that with the free flow of new ragi into the market the price would go down still further. The price of ragi in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk is reported to have gone down to 13 seers a rupee.

The situation generally throughout the State is satisfactory.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Malnad Improvement Scheme.

READ—

Government Order No. 8036-84—Med. 24-13-13, dated 24th February 1914, sanctioning, among other matters, the constitution of a Committee in each of the District of Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan, with the Deputy Commissioner as President, and Special Revenue Officer as Secretary, containing selected non-official members not exceeding 3 for each district, the total strength of each Committee not exceeding 9 members; and directing that for ensuring proper co-ordination of work and uniformity of operation in the 3 districts, the 3 Committees should meet a central place once every quarter for discussing all important questions connected with the several schemes, the senior among the three Deputy Commissioners being President at such meeting.

2. Government Order No. 541-9—Med. 24-13-107, dated 11th July 1914, directing (*a*) that the Central Committee should consist of 12 members, both official and non-official, Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan Districts sending 5, 4 and 3 representatives, respectively, in addition to the Sanitary Commissioner and Col. Foulkes, that it should meet once in 4 months, and (*b*) that each District Committee should consist of not less than 9 and not more than 12 members and that it should meet once in two months.

3. Government Order No. 1929-39—Med. 24-13-118, dated 20th August 1914, directing that the Special Revenue Officer in charge of the operations under the scheme in all the three districts and Secretary to all the three District Committees, be thereafter Special Revenue Officer for Shimoga District Committee only and Secretary to tthe Shimoga District Central Committe and that a separate Special Revenue Officer, with headquarters at

Chikmagalur be appointed for the Kadur and Hassan Districts, this officer being also the Secretary to the Committees of those districts.

4. Government Order No. 8221-4—San. 116-14-2, dated 21st April 1915, directing tha the meetings of the Central Committee should be held at the discretion of the Committee in any one of the four places Birur, Arsikere, Shimoga and Tarikere.

5. Government Order No. 3322-33—Sany. 39-15-2, dated 3rd November 1915, directing that the District Committees should consist of not less than 9 and not more than 14 members.

6. Government Order No. 6561-3—Sany. 72-17-2, dated 22nd May 1918, sanctioning the continuance of the Malnad Improvement Scheme for a further period of five years.

7. Government Order No. 4040-44—Sany. 125-17-6, dated 24th August 1918, appointing the Revenue Sub-Division Officer, Saklespur, as the Special Revenue Officer for Malnad Improvement Work in the Hassan District in addition to his duties.

8. Notification No. 420—C. B. 4-18-30, dated 22nd November 1918, directing that the Malnad Improvement Work in Kadur District be attended to by the respective Sub-Division Officers.

9. Government Order No. 18393-4—Sany. 31-18-4, dated 24th February 1919, directing that the Treasury Assistant Commissioner and Personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, should be the Secretary, and that the Sub-Division Officers of Tarikere and Chikmagalur should be members of the Kadur District Committee.

10. Government Order No. 27991-3—Sany. 103-18-2, dated 16th June 1919, directing that the Sub-Division Officers at Shimoga and Sagar, should attend to Malnad Improvement Work in their respective Sub-Divisions and that the Personal Assistant to Deputy Commissioner, should be the Secretary both to the Malnad Improvement Central Committee and to the Shimoga District Committee.

11. Letters as noted in the margin, from the Deputy Commissioners and Chairmen of the Malnad Improvement Committees of Kadur and Hassan Districts, forwarding for approval a list of official and non-official members selected to represent the District Committees at the Central Committee during 1919-20.

Letter No. 5, dated 9th July 1919, from the Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Kadur District.
Letter No. 5, dated 21st May 1919, from Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Hassan District.

12. Letters as noted in the margin from the Deputy Commissioners and Chairmen of the Malnad Improvement Committees of Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan Districts, forwarding, for approval, a list of official and non-official members selected to constitute the several District Committee during 1919-20.

Letter No. C. 53, dated 4—5th August 1919, from Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Malnad Improvement Committee, Shimoga District.
Letter No. 4, dated 9th July 1919, from the Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Malnad Improvement Committee, Kadur District.
Letter No. 4, dated 21st July 1919, from the Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Malnad Improvement Committee, Hassan District.

ORDER NO. G. 13757-67—SAN. 8-19-5, DATED 17TH DECEMBER 1919.

The Malnad Improvement Scheme was first sanctioned in 1914, and in the Government Order dated May 1918, read above, Government revised the Scheme and laid down afresh, the lines on which it should be worked. It has since been felt that the plan of work and the organization as modified in that order are still in need of revision in particular points. One of these being the constitution of the Central and District Committees for Malnad Improvements. Proposals have been made in the Representative Assembly and outside for the reconstitution of the Committees and Government after a careful consideration of the whole question have come to the conclusion that the Malnad Improvement Central Committee as now constituted has certain drawbacks which require to be remedied. At present it is presided over by the Senior among the Deputy Commissioners of the three Malnad Districts and this arrangement has the obvious disadvantages that the Deputy Commissioner of one district has no adequate idea of the conditions prevailing in the two other districts and that every change among these officers also involves a change of Presidentship of the Committee. Again the Central Committee has to formulate schemes both in the preparation and the execution of which the co-operation of several Heads of Departments is essential. Sanitation and Medical relief figure prominently in its programme, the formation of village forests is necessary as part of Improvement work and the opening up of the country and the development of Malnad Industries are also important parts of the work of the Committee. But the Committee as at pesent constituted cannot, except by correspondence, have the views of the various Heads of Departments concerned and the execution of schemes prepared without personal consultation is also apt to be delayed. These remarks apply partly to the District Committees also though in a smaller degree. With a view to remedy these drawbacks Government are pleased to order a reconstitution of the Committees as follows :—

A. CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

President.—A member of Government.

Members.—Officials.

1. Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District.
2. Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District.
3. Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.
4. Senior Surgeon in Mysore.
5. Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore.
6. Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
7. Chief Engineer in Mysore.
8. Director of Agriculture.
9. Director of Industries and Commerce.
10. Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
11. Chief Secretary to Government.

Non-officials.

12.-17. Six non-official representatives, two from each district.

Secretary.

One of the Assistant Secretaries to Government.

The Central Committee may meet once in three months in one of the three District headquarter towns or at Bangalore.

B. DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

Deputy Commissioner of the District.

Members.—Officials.

(*a*) Sub-Division Officers of Revenue Sub-Divisions.
(*b*) District Sanitary Officer.
(*c*) District Medical Officer.
(*d*) Executive Engineer.
(*e*) Secretary to the District Board in economic matters.
(*f*) District Forest Officer.

Non-officials

(*g*) One non-official representative from each of the Malnad Taluks.

Secretary.

Treasury Assistant Commissioner.

2. The Deputy Commissioners and Chairmen of the Malnad Improvement Committees of Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan Districts are requested to submit, at an early date, for the approval of Government, a list of names of non-official representatives selected both for the Central and District Committees for the year 1919-20.

3. Separate orders will issue regarding other matters connected with the scheme.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Deputy Commissioners, and Chairman of the Districts of Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan.
The Senior Surgeon in Mysore.
The Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore.
The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
The Chief Engineer in Mysore.
The Director of Agriculture in Mysore.
The Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore.
The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government.

Grant of Temporary Local Allowance.

READ AGAIN—

Government Order No. Fl. 2533-82—G. F. 94-18-3, dated the 23rd November 1918, sanctioning the grant of a temporary local allowance, in addition to Grain Compensation Allowance, of one anna in the rupee to all officials whose salary does not exceed Rs. 50, for a period of three months from 1st November 1918.

2. Government Order No. Fl. 3160-299—G. F. 3-19-7, dated 22nd November 1919, continuing the grant of the said allowance up to the end of November 1919.

ORDER NO. FL. 3844-89—G. F. 3-19-8, DATED 27TH DECEMBER 1919.

The grant of the temporary local allowance to all officials, whose salary does not exceed Rs. 50, per mensem, is further continued to the end of December 1919, subject to the conditions laid down in the first order dated the 23rd November 1918, read in the preamble.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Offg. Financial Secretary to Government.

To—The Offg. Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The other Heads of Departments.
The other Secretaries to Government.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
PRESS TABLE.

Food situation for week ending 20th December 1919.

Brief abstract of the special weekly reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 20th December 1919.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report 110 carts of ragi and 47 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 40 carts of ragi, 31 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 75 to 84 per cart during the week against Rs. 75 to 88 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of ragi and rice in the bazaar.

The four Test Depots are selling Burmah rice and ragi to the public as before. The merchants who purchased Burma rice in the Provincial Grain Depot and District Depot are selling the same from 4½ seers to 5 seers per rupee.

Bangalore District.—There were a few showers in the taluks of Bangalore, Dodballapur, Kankanhalli and Devanhalli.

The harvesting of crops is going on. Ragi was sold at 7 to 10 seers a rupee, local rice at 3½ to 5 seers and Burmah rice at 4¾ to 5¼ seers.

The markets were well supplied.

Mysore District.—There is nothing new to report this week, except that the price of horse gram has gone up since restrictions were removed.

Tumkur District.—The situation seems to be quite good as in the previous week and prices of food grains are gradually declining.

Kolar District.—There has again been a rise in the price of ragi in some places consequent on the exhaustion of stock in the Government Depots.

The price of ragi in the Kolar Town has gone up very high, and it was said that last shandy, it was sold from 6 to 6½ seers.

Hassan District.—The santes were fairly supplied with rice and ragi. The stock of ragi and Burma rice available in the Depots is being sold to the public.

Standing crops such as ragi, avare, horse gram Bengal gram, paddy and sugar-cane are in a good condition. Ragi and paddy are being reaped. Tuvar and avare crops in the Hassan Taluk, and Tuvar and early sown horse gram in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk are reported to have suffered from cloudy weather.

Price of ragi is going down, but that of horse gram is rising.

The prospects of the season are good.

Shimoga District.—The general food situation during the week remains the same as in the last week.

The prices continue to be high.

Kadur District.—There was no rainfall during the week. Paddy and ragi are being harvested in all the taluks and jola in Kadur and Tarikere. In the sub-taluk of Narasimharajapura also the harvesting of paddy is going on. Local rice is sold at 6 seers per rupee in the Chikmagalur Taluk and Narasimharajapura Sub-Taluk, while in other places it is sold at 5 to 5½ seers. In Kadur, ragi is available at 10 seers a rupee. There is a tendency for the prices of food grains to go down still as new rice comes into the market.

Supply of food stuffs was quite sufficient in all the shandies and markets in the district.

The situation has improved considerably.

Chitaldrug District.—There were light showers of rain in Chitaldrug, Hiriyur and Molakalmuru Taluks during the week, *viz.*, 15 cents, 12 cents and 4 cents, respectively. Markets are receiving good supply of food grains. There is a tendency for the prices to go down.

Rice is selling at 4 to 5 seers a rupee and ragi at 7 to 12 seers and jola at 7 to 12 seers.

General.—(By Food Controller).

There has been some slight fall of rain in some parts, but no damage to crops is reported. The general situation continues much the same as before. The harvesting of ragi is almost complete and that of paddy is still going on. The markets are reported to be receiving sufficient supplies of food grains. Mysore paddy does not appear to be coming into the market as freely as was expected and there is an impression that raiyats are holding up stocks. This is reflected by a slight increase in the price of Mysore paddy and increasing demand for Burma rice. The price of ragi in the Bangalore City Market ranged between Rs. 75 and 84 per cart-load and the price of paddy stood at Rs. 40 to 45 per cart-load. Burma rice issued to merchants in the Bangalore City, which used to be sold by merchants at 5 to 5½ seers a rupee was sold during the week at 4¾ to 5 seers, but the control shops worked by the Municipal authorities continue to sell at 5¼ seers.

The Delta rice in the Provincial Grain Depot is being issued in small quantities for *bona fide* domestic consumption.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.